Why India Is not yet Evangelized?



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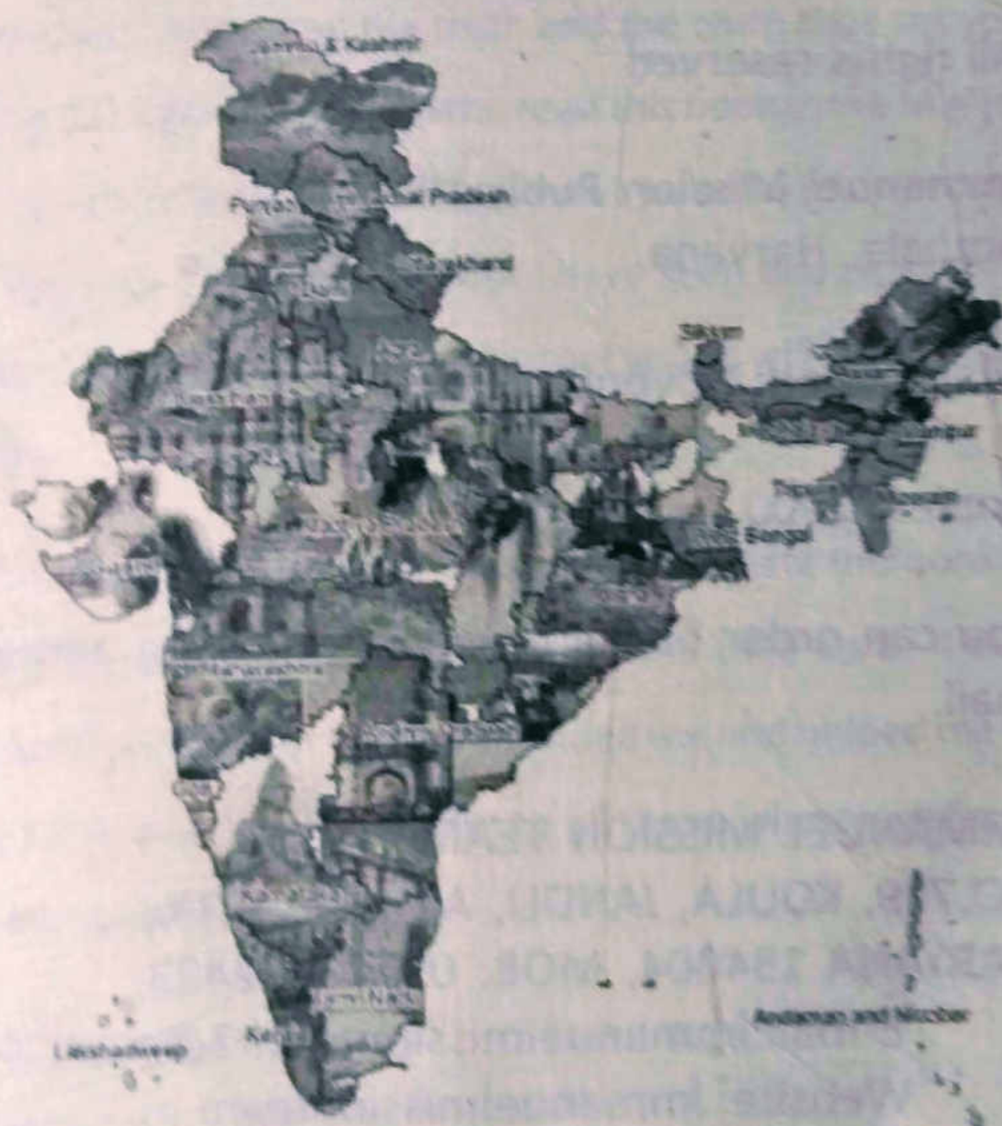
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PREFACE

"And you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free (John 8:32), I greet all those who read this book in the Mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is not to criticize or accuse any one, but I am sharing what truth I have seen and personally experienced. Sincerely hope and pray that you all will understand these truths.

I thank Almighty Lord for making me complete this book in fasting & prayer, all Glory and Honor be unto thee Lord. I also thank all those servants of Lord who guided me and helped me to write this book, also sincere thanks to all those who prayed and helped me to publish this book.

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INTRODUCTION

This book offers a captivating reflection of the heart of God. In its pages you will meet Roy Varghese, a man who has a tremendous calling on his life to reach the great nation of India with the Gospel of the love of Jesus; a man who has been on the field, paid the price, and who inspires all who listen to his message. As you sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world...I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word (John 17:18, 20). Roy reveals the passion of God's loving heart to bring Jesus to the people of unreached. You will learn of his passion for the hundreds of millions of lost souls in North India. You will read about some of the challenges that he, his friends, and other missionaries—both past and present— faced and how they met them.

Roy understands that Christ's command to preach the Gospel is given to all believers, not just to a select group of trained professionals. This book sounds forth a call to its readers to be committed to a cause—the greatest, most important cause in all of history. Setting the missionary task within the larger picture of God's plan and pur-

poses, he shows how every follower of Christ can have a part in God's mission in India and the world. While evangelizing villages in northern India still without a gospel witness may seem a daunting task, any willing believer can partner with a native missionary, whose calling in life is to reach at least one of those villages with the life-giving gospel of Christ. Roy Varghese is a man whose life truly reflects the message of why India isnot evangelized. I marvel at his passion both for Jesus and for the lost in India. Having been personally encouraged by his commitment to our Savior, I highly recommend this book Why India Is Not Yet Evangelized?

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Best Wishes

I am glad to know that the book **'Why India is not Evangelized?**, written by Br. Roy Varghese is translated into English and getting published. This blessed Servant of God who in his middle age came into the divine light from the darkness, started heading to North Indian villages for saving souls. I sincerely hope that this book, written from the depth of his experiences with God, and evangelization as a prime part of his life, will benefit thousands of people.

Evangelization of the world was a mission which our Lord and Christ has entrusted the church with. But the sad part is today's majority of the churches do not emphasize the importance of it. Those who claim to have completely committed for evangelization, also do not do the work of our Lord, the fact remains. People are satisfied with one or two cottage meetings in a week. Many of them want to be keepers of aquarium rather than 'Fishers of Men'

This book will be of great value having a background like this. God did not entrust His holy angels for this job, if so within minutes the world would have been evangelized. But 'not on the basis of knowledge' but on the basis of 'experience' that people must preach.

I congratulate the author and wish that this book may be a blessing for many.

Rev. K. Joy, New Delhi

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CHAPTER 1

MAIN HINDRANCES

1. DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

One of the main hindrances for evangelization is the existence of different types of languages in India. Due to this reason, the gospel has not reached among many linguists. There are also many languages in Indian villages, which have no written script. Hence to spread the gospel to those people, one has to become one among them and teach them.

This was practiced by the pioneers in evangelization, like Herman Gundert, who came to India from abroad, by which the gospel was translated into our language and overall development of our country took place, especially in the field of education. Those who deny this must look into the development of those countries which denied the gospel in comparison to ours. When we look into the history, it is clearly evident that, it was not an easy task. Like the initial missionaries who gave up their life, we may also have to pay a heavy price. There are many who consider those people as someone equivalent to God and praise them and hold celebrations in their name. But there are hardly any who are willing to give up their life for Gospel, this is one of the hindrances why India is not evangelized yet.

Even if someone is ready to do so, there is no one willing to encourage them or help them. But there are many, who will reach and spread venom against those who have started new gospel work, so that it may not flourish. I want to share with you all one of my experience. I went to a place called 'Shahabad' in Uttar Pradesh where the gospel has never reached, and shared the word of God. Since people were interested to listen to the word of God I had to go there many times, and also baptized a Hindu person called Sumith.

As the situation was improving a new catholic convent school started there, and Sumith happened to contact the priest there, also he also came in touch with "Jehovah Witness' group who encouraged him to worship Jehovah. Now he is totally confused regarding whether he should love Jesus Christ, or Jehovah or someone else. Ultimately his faith life has become like palm leaves which swings in the wind.



(Sumith, from Sahabad, Uttar Pradesh)

This is a common phenomenon which we find at every place, more commonly found in the new 'Grazing grounds". There are many who are like wolves with sheep skin, or the ones who are not worth, may destroy these grounds completely. There are only very few true servants of God who may lead people to Jesus in the right way, to help them reach heaven. God only has to provide a solution to these problems, as Jesus said "pray to the owner of the harvest to send good servants" (Mathew 9:38)

2. DIFFERENT TYPES OF CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

Different types of climatic conditions in India have an impact on the evangelization. There are lot of differences in the climatic condition of North India and South India. When I went to North India, this was something which troubled me the most, and finally I left my job and came back in 2001, due to this reason. Heat is much more In North than in south, it might even exceed 50 degree Celsius. When winter season comes, the temperature may even fall less than 0 degree Celsius. If you have protective clothing and provision for warm food, the winter can be tackled, but in summer season many places have no electricity even, people who are outsiders find it extremely difficult.

Hence those who go there from outside must have comfortable environment to live like (good house with cooler/air conditioner blankets etc). If you don't have all these you may even die in adverse conditions. The native of those places also succumbs some times to these adverse weather conditions. There are only two three months in a year when the climate is alright, and this

may be one of the reason why the work of God is not spreading there enough. This is one reason why Immanuel Mission Team is choosing missionaries from the local areas.

3. DIFFERENT KINDS OF FOOD HABITS

Different kinds of food habits also adversely affect the evangelization of India. There are lot of differences in the food habits of North and south. In north people normally eat chapattis, even if they eat rice they take minimum quantity. Potatoes and onion are unavoidable items in their food. People will have these items however poor they are. They eat raw onion after making it into small slices. The people who go to north for the first time, the most difficult situations are these two areas.

These are my personal experiences, also those who came for the work of Lord to north India for the first time. Initially one may find it very difficult, but as time goes, you become habituated and start enjoying it. One may have to stay in north India for quiet long time. But to enjoy the quality and taste of the food, it may really be difficult

A group of people came from Kerala to see our missionary activities in north India during my beginning years, they have visited some areas in Uttar Pradesh, were unable to adjust with the food habits, did not even eat at many places as it was' unhygienic'. Later on I realized that only by the sheer grace of God one will be able to do the work of God. Once in one of the peak summer I went to a village in Uttaranchal along with a missionary 'Guttu', to preach the word of God. The house where

we were staying had pigsty close by and the stench from the shed was unbearable. Since there was no electricity at home, they served the food outside in the night. Foul smell in the breeze from outside was quiet disturbing. I am a person who can eat anything which does not bite back, could only gulp that food keeping one hand at my neck, and with the other hand I put it in my mouth, without vomiting it.

Those who listen to the word of God in north India are, though they are poor and unclean, are very affectionate and hospitable. So they are much happier when we eat from their place. They like those who eat their food without any reluctance. Once a missionary family visited our mission field in north India, and went back unhappily because they did not like the food made by a local person. So this is serious issue. This also one reason why north India is not evangelized, we must pray for more missionaries who are willing to eat and drink whatever they are offered, who are willing make sacrifices.

Mostly north Indians are animal lovers and hate non-vegetarian food. As far as people from Kerala or south Indians are concerned, they cannot imagine food without non-vegetarian items like fish and meat. People who can avoid non-vegetarian for the sake of gospel are required for the missionary work in north. Our food habits could be one reason against the evangelization in these places. The one who are against Gospel always portrait that our missionaries as 'meat lovers'. Acts of Apostles says we are permitted to eat whatever is offered, but according to St Paul **"If**

the food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble" (1.Corinthians 8:13).

4. ILLITERACY

Illiteracy is a major problem in North India, there are many who can't even read and write. Even the conditions of the school children are pathetic there. If you distribute Bibles in these places it is of no use. We must have people who can speak well, who are eloquent in teaching the word of God are required. There are many organizations, they are running English medium schools in north India, but people should concentrate more on literacy and pre- school education. Children don't go to school because they are all involved in farming & agricultural activities; they want help their parents and keep them happy by assisting them in all those activities.

5. LACK OF ROADS AND TRANSORT FACILITIES

It is very difficult to reach many places, because of the lack of transport facilities. There are many villages where we have to walk many kilometers by foot to reach there. Normally people are not willing to take up so much trouble. This is one of the reasons why gospel has reached cities and towns, but not the villages. There are many villages in North India which depends on bullock carts, buffalo carts and even carts pulled by donkeys. Natives of those places may not find it difficult, but for outsiders, it is really a difficult task.



6. LACK OF PROPER HOUSING AND OTHER AMENITIES

Due to the lack of proper housing and toilet facilities, many of our missionaries do not want to go and stay there and do Lord's work. The village where God led me for the first time in north India, a village called 'Sisona' was also a village like this. It belongs to the Sambhal district in Uttar Pradesh where the Good News has never reached. A person from this village happened to go to Chandigargh for a job, happened to hear about our Lord, amidst an illness, and became well. They accepted Lord Jesus leaving their idol worship. I went to their village for a marriage, to the people who have never ever heard of Jesus. I reached there with lot of difficulty as there were no proper transport facilities, the stay there was even worse. Since I belonged to Idukki Dist, which

is again a bad place as far as facilities are concerned, I could survive there few days. The last day of marriage, I could tell them about the word of God, to their friends and relatives. Since people were interested to listen I have decided to visit that place every month. I am looking for a missionary who can stay there and do the Lord's work, due to lack facilities I haven't got anyone yet. Please keep this in your prayer.



(Our aim to reach the unreached villages of north India)

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CHAPTER 2

MAJOR OPPOSITIONS

1. The Major Oppositions

When we study the history of Bible, we will come to know that, from the beginning there were objections against gospel. The martyrdom of St Thomas apostle is an example of this that it prevailed even in India. But it has increased many folds during these days as evidenced by incidents like "Ghar Vapasi".

"What is planted in fire will never burn in sunlight" as the proverb goes, the church which was built up by Lord against all the persecutions of Roman Empire, will still stand firm and no power can disrupt it. But we must be firm in our faith. There is no doubt that, Satan like a roaring lion is moving around to see who can be gulped. But those who are fervent in prayer and fasting need not worry. "Who is within us is much greater than who is in this world" (John 4:4).

2. Customs & traditions

There are many customs and traditions existing in north India, which is against the Christian faith. There is no doubt that certain festival like 'Holi' is also against our faith. People have blind faith in various traditions, only God can change these. People carry water from river Ganga in Uttar Pradesh to far places by

foot to keep in their houses. They believe that they will have no sufferings if they keep this water at home. It is quite strange to know that they do this every year. **"The righteous shall live by faith (Hebrews10:38)**.

3. Different types of customs and traditions.

Most of the customs and traditions in North India may appear to be good but when we look into it deeply, we find that all those traditions are great obstacles for the evangelization of our nation. For example most of the villages the parents and elders are respected and treated like god, and from childhood onwards, they touch the parent's feet as a gesture of respect. Whatever the elders say, will be obeyed in the villages. In those places unless the elders take interest in the gospel, the people won't listen, and it may pose as a great hindrance. The missionaries who are working in those villages are often beaten up and even jailed for not adhering to their customs and traditions.



(Old parents were thrown out of the village of Balod, Chhathisghat because they received Jesus Christ)

What they say against the evangelization is that the missionaries are against their customs and traditions, and are trying to spread the 'foreign religion amongst them'. Thus they become strongly against the evangelists and the "**Good News**". They oppose and alienate those who give their houses on rent for the evangelists or help them by giving food, they often expel them the village even. It is difficult to propagate the good news where the elders are involved in smoking and alcoholism. In those places, even if people are willing to listen to the word of God and accept Jesus, the gospel work is never flourished.

All the above mentioned obstacles can be removed only by the power of God; it is not possible with man. But "Everything is possible with God' thousands of missionaries who are working in North India would say this. The Lord, who redeemed the people from the hand of the cruel and mighty Pharoah, is still living. The Lord who is our God and savior still lives with us **(Hebrew 13:8)**. We need brave missionaries in north India like Joshua son of Nun, or Caleb son of Jephunneh who believed "**God will make it possible for us" (Numbers 14:8)**.



(Special prayer on the street in Bareilly, U.P)

CHAPTER -3

MOST IMPORTANT OBSTACLE

Lack of Christian Commitment

One of the most important obstacles which stand against the evangelization of India is the lack of commitment in those who have accepted Christian faith. This obstacle has to be removed by each one of us individually. If we remove this obstacle, God will remove every other obstacle which standing against, and India will be evangelized at the earliest. I would like to quote Mahatma Gandhi, Father of our nation, regarding Christian commitment "If Christians would really live according to the teachings of Christ, as found in the bible, all of India would be Christians today (Mahatma Gandhi)

Christians of the first century were not popular or famous but had commitment. As it became popular, Christians lost their commitment. There were days when Christians from Alleppy in Kerala used to bring goods by boat to Kochi for selling, people used to pay them without even weighing it. Will anyone trust today's Christians like this?? Never because of many Christians has lost their trustworthiness. There are many servants of God, who claims to be loving the word of God, are merely aiming at the huge amount from the 'whites'. These people are really a matter of shame for the kingdom of God

We have constructed a house after selling a small plot and house, also took a bank loan. We were supposed to be giving the contract to a Hindu believer at a comparatively cheaper rate; we gave it to a person of Christian faith, who sings 'Halleluiah'. We realized the mistake only after the construction was completed. Even though they said it might not even crack after 10years, it cracked within 1 year, and also we had to spend another 5 lakhs extra. It is of no use saying anything after everything is finished; only we have the regret of losing money and realized our foolishness. But once our construction was over, they started with another servant of God, which remained incomplete and there is a police case going on. The same people started the construction with another Hindu brother from whom they have demanded extra money, for which that person threatened them saying 'he will commit suicide'. Because of all these, they stopped the construction work and turned to 'God's work' which is a business these days for many.

There are many believers and servants of God who live with no true faith and commitment and do what they feel comfortable. They are found in all places. When I started my 'work' in North India, one college professor, who has genuine interest in the evangelization, told me that all these servants of God are all fraud. That night I said to God I don't want to be called as a fraud, I will serve you by doing some other job. I was pained deeply, may be because I am the son of a very prestigious man, who even in the midst of extreme poverty, never let us touch anything which did not belong to us.

That day God asked me a question "As a servant you feel so much, how about me the Master, how much more will I feel". Also reminded me from the book of Isaiah chapter (1:2-5) in which the lamentations of God to the earth and the sky regarding his children. Then I realized that compared to that pain, my pain and humiliations are nothing great. Also remembered what Jesus said" For offences must come, but woe to that man by whom the offence comes" (Mathew 18:7) Immediately I took a decision in the presence of Lord, even if the entire servants of God all over the world becomes bad, I will serve you whole heartedly. Dear friends God is happy when we individually become faithful and good rather than trying to make whole world good. Let us stand in front of our Lord with commitment.

When we preach the gospel in North India, if there are anyone who is educated, would first remember about Britishers who had no commitment. The atrocities they have done for power are all raw in their minds. It is of no use when you tell them gospel. One should live the word like Sadhu Sunder Singh and should show them through their life, through love they should be made to feel that they are our brothers and sisters. But the sad part is that there is lack of faithfulness among many, which is making the work of Lord retarded.

We always pray that may kingdom of God come on to this earth, but if we ourselves are standing against this, we may have to give an account to our Lord. That is why St Paul asks us "How will we be spared, when we don't consider this great salvation". Bible reminds that we can get away unaffected from the courts of this world, but we cannot escape from the judgment of heaven.

May be we don't find the consequences of that in this world because it is written the master said 'let both grow together till the season of reap comes'. Hence be humble and don't be proud "For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either".

It is more threatening to have servants of God with no commitment than believers with out commitment. God protects and loves those who do His work, like apple of His eye. Jesus says "Eyes are the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good the whole body will be full of light (Mathew 6:22). We can see around us that Lord never leaves those who serve the Lord in spirit. But how many of us are standing like the light for the Christ's body.

Many start in bright light but later turns in to darkness. "If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness". Jesus himself answers the reason for light to turn into darkness. "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, else he will be loyal to the one despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon". This is the reason why many who claims that they will be different from others, as their name and fame increase, change themselves.

Pastor Jobi Varghese from Thiruvalla, Kerala, who is a great help and well wisher of mine, when we spoke about this matter, told me that if God has blessed Brother Roy so much in this short span of three years, he will bless you much more in the coming years, and then you will change. When I asked him the reason he said he has been a servant of God for past 18 years, and there are

so many servants of God from North India and other places had come to me, and initially they are all very humble, but when they are blessed by God, they all have changed.

He reminded me about this during our last meeting. Even I feel scared whether I will change or not. That is why I have tried entrusting all those churches to different people which are formed by Immanuel Mission Team, because as money and comfort increases, it is a fact that one may change. That is why in proverbs chapter 30:8 says **"and let me neither rich nor poor. So give me only as much food as I need. If I have more, I might say that I do not need you. But if I am poor, I might steal and bring disgrace on my God"**. Same way St. Paul says **"for the love of money is a root cause of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1.Timothy 6:10)**. So we must ensure that we create no hindrances for the evangelization, must run a good run and finish like St. Paul.



(Our new believers in Uttar Pradesh)

CHAPTER -4

THE AWARENESS OF ETERNAL SALVATION

Many of us lose the Christian commitment due to lack of awareness regarding eternal salvation. Most of us sing this song 'for this mud, I will not forsake the precious 'gold'. But do we actually understand about the difference when we sing this song. But as it is written "**Eyes has not seen, nor ear heard neither have entered into the heart of any man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him (1.Corinthians 2:9)**. These words we have studied and preached many times, but sad part is that we don't really know the value of it.

Our forefathers have forsaken all the worldly gains for the eternal salvation. "**All I want is to know Christ and to experience the power of His resurrection" (Philippians 3:11)**. Many of our Christian brothers and the servants of God are only struggling for the worldly gains and benefits. It is true that we all need all this, but we don't have run after that. When we walk along with God, all these things will follow you. 'Firstly seek for the kingdom of God and everything shall be added unto you', this should be our driving force in our life, and you will be able to find happiness in our life.

When I and my wife were working, our expenditure used to be more than our income. Moreover doctors have certified

that we will have no children, and wanted to adopt a child for which we were on the lookout. Even for that we were running short of money and we were living in utter despair, thinking about ending our life that was the time we grew more close to Jesus.

When we got close to 'rising sun' Jesus, all the areas of darkness, poverty, despair, everything faded away. Where people certified that we will not have children, the mighty and awesome God blessed us with two children. When super specialty doctors certified that my son will not survive, he will be mentally retarded, Lord made him rise. God made us rise over the entire difficult situation. Today God has blessed with all His blessings much better than our friends and anointed our heads with oil of happiness. We didn't have to go to any servant of God neither asks anyone to pray for us. When we grow close to our Lord through His word, He who knows even the innermost thoughts of hearts, will bless us even before we ask him, one does not have to doubt about it.



(With my wife and two children on the Christmas day)

But we must not get close to God only for worldly comforts, if we do so, we may be more unfortunate than those who don't know Jesus. "**If our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more, then we deserve more pity than anyone else in the entire world" (1.Corinthians 15:19).**

Jesus has purchased all of us by His blood for making us eligible for the eternal salvation. So when we are in this world, we must not live like the worldly ones who live in darkness. We must be the light of the world (Mathew5:14), and help others also to come into light. That is why Lord has placed us among the darkest areas, Bible tells us, when we are in those places our words should 'yes yes' or else 'no, no'.

It is a difficult task to find such believers, or servants of God these days, because Satan has put the spirit of '**lies**' into the heart of many. I used to meet many believers and servants of Lord, with regard to our ministry in North India. But there are hardly any who speak 'yes' or 'no'. Many are trying to cook up convincing stories of their difficulties and debts to others. I don't understand why we should hide the blessings what God has given us. It is very difficult to say the truth, once we start telling lies, because lies are the devices of Satan. We are living in a world where we cannot trust anyone. **"They will hold to the outward form of our religion, but reject its real power" (2.Tomothy 3:5)**. They stay against the word of God and distract others also.

We must completely submit ourselves in to the hands of God so that all our words and works should be fruitful and pleasing

to our Lord. Then we will be filled with fruits of spirit like love, happiness, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness , etc (**Galatians 5:22**) and will stand like real example among people. To become like that, we must pray like our Lord Jesus. "If there is a will there is a way", the lives of our elders who attained salvation tells us that if we are really willing to do it we can. **"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrew 12:1)**. We must look upon our Lord Jesus for this.

Our Lord Jesus is coming back to take all those who are waiting for this eternal salvation. God has sent Holy Spirit for this purpose into the world. God will pour out His spirit upon all those who seek Jesus whole heartedly **(Acts 2:17)**. The sad part is that many are not aware of this. St Paul the apostle's disciples in Ephesus (Acts 19:2) many Christians live without knowing about Holy Spirit. They live as namesake Christians, or traditional ones. Their lives full of alcoholic addictions, smoking and other wrong habits. This is one reason why people don't want accept Jesus. But those who are filled with Holy Spirit, their lives are renewed daily.

It is our decision to receive the eternal life which is given freely for us, but don't forget that there will be a judgment. "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). If death of man is the ultimate reality, judgment will also be a reality. I sometimes wonder if there is anyone in

this world who does not bend his knees in front of that word 'death', the fact is there is none other than Jesus. Each one of us have to an account in front of the throne of judgment why have we not accepted this great salvation or why have we not kept it safe.

That day we would realize what is original and what is duplicate. That day we will be able to hear the screams, which we have never heard of those small and big ones who stood against Gospel.

God has not spared Moses, who was like a friend to Lord; don't expect that He will forgive us. That is why Jesus said "**When judgment day comes, many will say to Me, Lord, Lord! In your name we spoke God's message, by your name we drove out many demons and performed many miracles! Then I will declare to them, I never knew you, depart from me you wicked people!" (Mathew 7:22-23).** But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be asked, and to whom much has been committed ,of him they will ask the more **(Luke 12:48**), this is the policy of God and what we understand from this is it should be the servants of God who should be more careful than the believers. All those who read this, we should introspect ourselves. We must understand that those who are in Christ don't stand under judgment; we must commit ourselves for the evangelization till our death or till the second coming of our Lord. May the Lord almighty give us strength, and help us in our endeavor.

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CHAPTER -5

BURDEN FOR THE GOSPEL

Those who have self awareness regarding eternal salvation would only have the burden for the souls who are lost. After resurrection, before leaving for heaven from this earth, Jesus has given one last commandment" Go and make disciples till the end of the earth". Anyone who is leaving this world would say the most important thing when he speaks the last. The same way, this is the most important commandment Jesus had given us. Many times I used to think why Lord our father has not given this responsibility to the angels in heaven. When Jesus was born, this responsibility was given to them, and also in the Old Testament an angel sent by Jehovah has destroyed the entire army of the enemy (**2Chronicles 32:21**). If it was by angels, they would have spread the gospel to every corner of the world within seconds.

There is a vast difference like the difference between the sky and the earth, the ways of our Lord and our thoughts. In the book of Genesis God tells Satan "**And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He shall bruise your head" (Genesis 3:15)**. Because of this Son of God, born of woman, had crushed the head of Satan in the mount of Calvary. God wants the children of 'woman' to spread the gospel. That is why God has given us, children of men, to

announce the good news of salvation of mankind; angels are enviously looking at us. Some of the churches sing about this. We must not miss this great opportunity, as we are all aware that one must utilize the opportunities well in time, so we must all run a good run, try to receive the eternal crown.

What is gospel?? In the words of Paul the apostle, who has always been role model for the evangelists "**Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel" (2Timothy 2:8).** Gospel was only 'Jesus' for our elders of initial churches. But today what is Gospel for many of us?? Gospel for many are their churches, saints, servants of God etc. This Gospel is utilized for their own personal benefits and none get saved through them. The Gospel of Jesus gives salvation to all and that is why Peter exclaimed in Holy spirit "Nor is **there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"(Acts 4:12).**

In the name of Jesus signs, wonders, and miracles will take place everywhere in the world. But the name of our Lord is not needed for signs, miracles and worldly benefits. We can see in Bible that even Satan also does certain great deeds. In the book of Exodus "**So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and they did so, just as the Lord commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent. And pharaoh also called the wise men and sorcerers, so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like**

manner with their serpent enchantments. They threw down their rod, and the rod turned into snakes (Exodus 7:10-12). Even in the New Testament St Paul also had seen many such things while he preached gospel. "Now it happened, as we went to prayer that a certain slave girl possessed with the spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune telling... But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit 'I command you in the name of Jesus to come out of her. And he came out that very hour (Acts 16:16-18). Even today we can see these kinds of miracles by Satan around.

Why Satan is up to these miracles because he wants to drive away the men from eternal salvation, or to make them feel these are small little things. As his end is nearing, he acts like the angels of light in front of others; hence many of the churches and children of God are unable to understand this. His aim is not to help them but through miracles he will kill and destroy them (John 10:10). People become an easy prey and get trapped, not knowing the consequences. Once you fall in to his trap, it is extremely difficult to come out.

The main reason for saying that it is easier for a non-believer to come into faith than persons who have been after the 'miracles of Satan. Once you become his servant, there will be an end to all his relationship with God. Sometimes they may be calling out the name of Jesus, may be praying and fasting in His name, but God does not keep any touch with them. since darkness and light cannot be together, both God and Satan cannot be together in the heart of a man. Same way God wants to live in the

heart of only those who have completely dedicated to him where as Satan is greedy and he steals.

I wanted to share with you all something In this context. When I was studying B.Sc in Nirmala College Muvattupuzha, I was a supporter of Communist party and also an active member of the SFI. I still remember when I was asked to vote for one of my classmate Mr. Jose from Mani group, I worked for a party against him. Even though I was a "name sake Christian' the mercy of our Lord was over me. That may be the reason, one unknown Muslim family who did not even know me well, had accommodated me like a family member and gave me food. In fact from the remote areas of High ranges, where I used to be dependent on tapioca and jackfruits to fill the stomach, my hunger was satisfied by the food served to me by "Etha' (Aunty).

Head of the family (Ikka) along with his five children, with all their constraints fed me and I used to love 'Etha' like my mother.



(With Etha in Muvattupuzha, Kerala)

The food she offered with lot of meat and fish etc, along with other worldly pleasures had led me into another problem. I used to feel terribly sleepy when I used to sit for studies. As I was a science student and my sleep was a matter of great concern. So I tried many tips like putting the feet in cold water and also smoking 'beedees'. But nothing worked, keeping the legs in water, beedi on my lips I still used to sleep.

I was not aware that is you get good food and have no tension in life, anyone would sleep. During those days I went to a lady with so much of divine powers near Aayavna , Muvattupuzha as guided by another Hindu woman. It was not difficult to find her place as she was very famous in that place. She put her hand on my head kept one 'round ring 'on my head, bell in her hand, she prophesied that there are two 'witches' who are standing against me, that is what is giving rise to the sleep problem.

She gave me some 'powder 'to have daily and to do 'pooja' daily, and I went to many famous temples in Kerala like Guruvayoor temple, Sri Padmanabha temple and also in Tamil Nadu, and felt a bit of difference for a short period, but after sometime I lost my peace of mind, I could not complete my graduation, I had no job to live on, and like a 'dog' I was wandering around the streets of Muvttupuzha. People used to love respect me since I was in NCC and also a good sportsman and they all expected me to do well in life. In front of all of them I was there having no job and was insulted. I was thinking of ending my life that was the time God touched me like He touched the prodigal son.

I wanted to tell all those who read this book, please don't go after the 'tactics' of Satan whatever be your problems are, take a strong decision to trust in the Lord Jesus who will give you peace of mind and eternal life. The same way anybody who is known to you is trapped in these kind activities and are struggling with no peace, like the rich man who was crying out from the eternal fire(Luke 16:24) cry out to Jesus here on earth and save them.

I have heard a story like this, once an eagle was eating the carcass of a dead buffalo which was flowing into the Nayagra waterfalls. He had many opportunities to fly away from the dead body, and each time he thought' I will fly away when I reach near the water fall with my strong wings. But as he was close on the dead body, his nails were plunging deep and deep into the carcass. So just before the fall, he was trying to get away from the dead body, but couldn't and became another dead body along with the buffalo's. The same thing is applicable with the ones who are with Satan. The more close you come to him; the more difficult it is to leave him. So we must not be late to leave him (devil) and join our savior Lord Jesus Christ.

I am saying this out of experience and also of so many others. With small little prayers it doesn't happen nor will it with the prayers of some servants of God or churches praying for you placing their hand on your head. This 'release' takes place only by the inseparable relation with Jesus. The reason for this is all those who are born from 'original sin' , Satan has his power on

them, the one who gets miracles or blessings from him, on him it will be hundred fold. That is the reason why we say the only person who can redeem you from your bondages is Jesus the Nazareth who has power over the heaven and earth. So cry out to Jesus.

Even though we may be forgiven for all our sins, those sins which are committed with full conviction, one may have to face the consequences. That is why David has written out of his experience in psalms "tremble with fear and stop sinning' (psalm 4:4). Hence we all should be 'trembling' about sins and all those what is against the word of God. When David sinned, nothing much happened immediately, but when Lord spoke the prophet Nathan God gave the awareness regarding sin **"Behold I will rise up adversity against you from your own house" (2 Samuel 12:11).**

God has forgiven him his sins but great tragedy struck his home. So all those who read this, be aware and be afraid for there will be consequences for all those sins we commit, always try to stay away from sins. If at all we have committed some sins, ask forgiveness from God and whatever punishments God gives us, must accept it and wait for His time. David who was one of the most favorite of God was punished when he sinned against Lord, lost his power as King, took up his punishment whole heartedly and glorified Lord. So those who knowingly committed sins wait for the time of our Lord. How Lord brought David back to power, He will surely set you too right.

Some people may not agree with me because David was a servant from the Old Testament and today we are in "Dispensation Grace'. Hence God is extremely merciful; they believe that God will forgive all their sins in a day like how the father forgave the sins of his prodigal son. If you want to know about this, just look around carefully, people who do not know Lord are receiving greater blessings like the man who got great assets'. But those who have known Lord for many years still live like those who don't know and what do they receive from Lord?? The truth is, they get nothing but one or two beatings from God occasionally. Jesus has clearly said the reason for this **"for everyone to whom much is given from him much will be required' (Luke 12:48)**.

Many of us feel that the God has grown old and he is not angry like he used to be in the Old Testament. Now He is like Isaac, who is partially blind and 'feel' the children and bless them. But if we seriously look into the scripture, also look around; we would realize that God has not changed at all. He is an unchanging God. He is the beginning and the End. M, the one who is writing this may change, you the ones who are reading this might change, but God never changes. . He is the same yesterday, today and forever, the mighty Lord who knows everything and act accordingly.

We cannot cheat Lord, the creator of heaven and earth. God asks us one question "These things you have done and I kept silent; you thought that I was altogether like you" (Psalm 50:21). Many Christians think this way; God will be in favor of us irrespective of whatever we do. But God says in Psalm 50: 22 **"Now consider this you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces and there**

will be no one to deliver". So if you want this shine to remain you must keep away those things which are to be kept away.

I know one servant of God, who came up from very low circumstances. But as he rose worldly and spiritually in his life, the changes what happened to him were astonishing. Common people could never meet him. Only VIPs were permitted, that too with prior permission. In short it was easier to meet a minister in the cabinet than meeting him. God watched him for some time. One fine day his young daughter lost her eye sight in both eyes, even then he didn't change much. Many renowned anointed servants of God came and prayed for his daughter, but God did not respond. Even today that girl remains blind. Is it the fault of those who prayed for her or is it the fault of the hearing power of God? If so how come thousand are receiving miracles through the same servants of God? This is the reason many children of God are not blessed. If you cheat Lord today there will be a tomorrow when God will 'teach you a lesson or your generations, and no one will be able to help them. So those who read this book should reiterate this truth in your mind.

Some people may ask "Does Satan do miracles through some servants of God or through churches?? My dear ones Satan acts where the word of God is given least importance. Both God and Satan wish to stay or work in human mind. How we tell the people of north India **'Jesus does not enter into any one's heart voluntarily, more over he will enter only if someone co-cordially invites him. Whenever He comes, "stand at the door**

and knock" (**Rev 3:20**). But Satan is not like that, even if someone does not invite, he will get inside, how much ever you try to humiliate and get rid of him, he will come again with seven more (Luke 11:26). That is the reason why the servants of God and the believers, even if they are true and faithful to Lord, must pray daily to ensure that Jesus resides in their heart.

It is difficult for an outsider to say whether the work of Lord or the faith is with Jesus or with Satan. Hence if we travel along with our savior without judging any one, with the burden for the gospel in our heart, we will stay till the end awaiting the great reward. For this we must not run after signs and miracles. Like St Paul "**And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content" (1.Timothy 6:8)**

This is applicable both for the believers and the servants of God. That is why Lord teaches us to pray for our daily bread only (Mathew 6:11). If we think from the worldly point of view, we think that if the riches or the worldly gains are increased, our spiritual life will improve; the Lord's work will improve. But when we look around, or introspect ourselves, we will find that this is wrong.

Our fore fathers in the first century never lived on silver and gold, but only on the name of Lord Jesus (Acts 3:6), and their work exceeded all the human wisdom. Even though there were no effective communication and transport facilities, the word of God spread like 'wild fire'. History tells us that there were so many great emperors like "Nero" who tried to suppress the Word, but

failed in front of ordinary people. After centuries people like Emperor Constantine, repented and accepted Jesus. When the riches increased, the silver and gold increased, the word of God was closed. Many tried to get "token of release from sins" by spending money or else made it as a business.

What we understand from this is, we don't need money to start the work of Lord, but what we need is an authority or a key from God. The key is there in the hands of all those trust in the Lord. If we have commitment, if we are truly willing, we can use this key to open and close, and we will be rewarded greatly in heaven (Mathew 1818). If we do this without any other objectives (like money, status) deliberately, the worldly powers or the powers of hell will have no victory over this, and Jesus has made it clear. Some may feel that this key is given to Peter alone and the entry to heaven is only for the disciples of peter. Those who have doubt or those who give more importance to peter than Jesus must carefully read from the Gospel of Mathew 16:18-19 and 18:18, will clearly understand that this key is given to all of us.

"I tell you Peter 'you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven" (Mathew 16:18-19).

"And so I tell all of you: what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven" (Mathew 18:18).

The sad part is, when money and fame increases, many may lose this key which has no duplicate key. That is why many are able to speak about the miracles or anointing of the past, there is nothing to say about the 'freshly caught fish'. How unfortunate it is to be following our great Lord without any commitment. I want to encourage all those who read this book to keep the key safely in our heart so that we do not lose it, if we have not collected this key which has no duplicate from Jesus, we must get it at the earliest as the time is near and Lord is going to some on the clouds, all the signs are around us.

God does not deprive any good thing for those who sincerely serve Him, because he is a faithful God. The same way He is never partial, and accepts people from any caste and creed (Acts 10:34). If one wants to know about this, they should truly study about those servants of Lord who are there in different parts of our country. Once a servant of Lord who is quiet famous all over India, happened to tell me that 'those who left my organization, and started working independently, have all been blessed, those who used to travel in Bicycle are travelling by car now. All those who are in our church, in our organization, or in our place, should all be blessed, this is what we wish. But God does not see the church you belong to, the organization, the community, the height, the weight but He only sees the inside of our heart, and that is the reason not all those who are not blessed, only a few are blessed as God has promised us.

If we go for an interview for a job, the board asks you hundreds of questions but Jesus asks only one question to those who serve him **"Do you love me more than these others do?"**

(John 21:15). How many of us can say that 'yes Lord', there is no doubt that only a few would be able to answer. The fact that I have learnt after being too many churches, is that people give more importance to the richest lot than God. There is no difference between the traditional churches and other churches in this matter.

Those who are particular about every small bit of thing about Bible are not giving importance to the command of St James ""**You must never treat people in different ways according to their outward appearance. Suppose a rich man wearing a gold ring and fine clothes comes to your meeting, and a poor man in ragged clothes also comes. If you show more respect to the well-dressed man and say to him, 'have this best seat here', but say to the poor man, 'stand over there, or sit here on the floor by my feet', then you are guilty of creating distinctions among yourselves and of making judgments based on evil motives" (James 2:1-4).**

Lord Jesus also said **'For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God' (Luke 18:25)**. Those who stand against this, giving undue importance to the rich ones, are conveying a message to those who do not know about Jesus that the Bible or the teaching of Jesus is not true. We must not consider those who are outsiders are all fools. It is like the famous saying' when you see the 'whites', you will forget how to march', most of our people behaves the same way when they see the rich people. Those

who read this, let your life be a living Bible, if not India may not be evangelized because of people like you.

During the days of Jesus and His disciples, there were many rich people who were involved in Lord's work. But nowhere in Bible could we see that they are given more importance than others. We must also follow these footsteps. Even today there are many rich people who are involved in God's work, but keep them also like others otherwise we will not be counted among the disciples of Jesus. **"Though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ" (Romans 12:5).**

I know a very rich man in Tamil Nadu. He used to liberally help various churches, helps economically for various meetings etc. and decided to give a major portion of his wealth for the work of Lord after him. But because of his pride, he got involved in court case with his children and neighbors, and I was really surprised to see, during this period many busy servants of God came along with family and stayed with him for weeks together, and was trying to please him. We, the most dear ones of heaven, must not misuse our 'calling like "lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau who for one morsel of food sold his birth right' (**Hebrews 12:16**) or else should not be like Gehazi who completely lost his calling for money (**2.Kings 5:26-27**).

When I visited north Indian mission field, I keep meeting people who have come into faith and doing ministry. While enquiring what made them to submit their life for the work of

Lord, most of them have come with the intention of getting money and not out of sheer commitment. One reason for this is the enormous amount of money promise to the village youth, to getting students for the Bible Schools which are numerous. Those ones with no Burden for the souls are the ones who make the testimony of our Jesus to lose, **'They think that religion is a way to become rich' (1.Timothy 6:5)**

When I conducted a meeting for the missionaries in 'Bhojipura', Uttar Pradesh, one missionary called shalom from "Kicha.' Uttaranchal, came to meet me. He wasn't much educated and he told me that he is doing the ministry in his place and I should help him financially. Since I have a nature of not just listening to someone and help, I did not take it seriously. He kept ringing me up and one day I decided to visit his place. There I came to know that he from Hindu back ground, hardly has any ministry work, and the bible college where he studied promised him Rs 10,000/per month, and that is why he started his ministry. He has not grown up to have a burden for souls, only aiming at the monetary benefit of being in the ministry. We can find many missionaries like this in north India.

The Bible schools who are promising those good dreams are responsible for this. Jesus said **"none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up everything he has" (Luke 14:33).** Why should you give the promise what Jesus has not given. There is change needed in all these areas, otherwise because of these kinds of Bible schools and Bible colleges, the evangelization of India

wouldn't takes place. The problem is that we don't have adequate number of missionaries but we do not have the committed ones. Let us all pray for this.



(Missionary meeting at Bhojipura, Uttar Pradesh)

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CHAPTER -6

DIFFERENT TYPES OF TEACHINGS

There are clear evidences in the Bible regarding different types of teaching and false preaching existed in the Christian churches, and the believers have taken this up. St. Paul who established various churches says **"For you gladly tolerate anyone who comes to you and preaches a different Jesus, not the one we preached; and you accept a spirit and a gospel completely different from the Spirit and the Gospel you received from us!" (2.Corinthians 11:4)**. This has become a major issue in that day and today's world and spoils the faith of believers. Surely it is the work of Satan; he aims at and works for making the glory of Jesus or the real picture of the churches in a diminished way.

This problem is not so obvious in any other religions like Hinduism, or Islam. How the Chinese sell the best duplicate items in the market, the same way Satan is selling the 'duplicate ' of Jesus in different parts of the world. The difference between the original and duplicate is that, even if it looks alike, it has lot of differences in the price as well as in the quality. To make it more clearly I want to share an experience of mine. My wife bought a Samsung Galaxy Mobile Phone worth Rs 25000/- since she is employed. It had all facilities like internet, what's up, good camera

etc. So I too felt like buying one, but didn't have so much money. I bought a Samsung mobile phone Chinese made for Rs 3000/-. When my wife saw it she said it looks even better than the original one.

I was very glad to hear it but when I started operating it I realized I was cheated. I had to bear the loss of 3000/- as it had no qualities of a Samsung mobile. Many Christian lives are also like this. Only by name they are Christians but not enjoying their life with Jesus Christ. Many live in fear and are hurt because of the bad name saying Christians are all foreigners, or they accepted Jesus just for the sake of money. So let us think in deep about the true Jesus and Holy Spirit which St Paul had taught us.

How do you recognize the true Jesus Christ? The famous song 'Christian life is a life full of fortunes' we often sing, but how many of us truly understand the meaning or truly experience it. If Jesus is truly with us, we will lead a happy life. This cannot be explained in words, it has to be experienced. **"Oh taste and see the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8)**, that is why the singer has sung this song "I am so happy, so happy to stay with my Lord". People around you may not understand it because **"By faith we live and not by sight" (2.Corinthians 5:7)**.

Many times there are storms and turbulent waters in our journey to Zion. We should not be afraid if our savior who controls the sea and the storm is there in our boat. The main problem today is that we are not able to travel with Jesus. People are focusing on churches and the servants of God and travel like Joseph and Mary,

who travelled without Jesus, going along with the flow of this world.

We have to pay a heavy price if we want to travel along with Jesus. The salvation we have through Jesus is much more precious than we expect. Even though the Bible says this salvation is free of cost, God does not put this in front of swine's that is why those who are not repented and committed are not able to find Jesus.

Satan has made duplicate Jesus for these people. They are able to buy from different places for prices they can afford. Those who are used to buy the duplicate things would know that there are more people around those shops than the original ones. The same way, Satan's business is improving day by day. From manmade Jesus to the small and big ones as per their capacity, Satan continues to make and that is why the demand for original Jesus is diminishing in many churches. This is the reason why many churches started in well have come down to the worldly ways. People from outside may not be able to understand it, only those who come close to them will only be able to understand, it is like Moses with the veil covering his face. "**And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished" (2.Corinthians 3:13).** So those who wait for the Lord by paying the price of repentance, receive Jesus in their hearts.

How do we recognize the true Holy Spirit?? We are aware that if a person repent and accept Jesus he will be given

the Holy Spirit. But St Paul says "**the other spirit which is not given**" (**2 Corinthians 11:4**). Where does this spirit comes from, it is big question. God is spirit (**John4:24**) and Satan is evil spirit (**Mathew 12:43**). The main job of Satan is to make the duplicates of God's creation. Like how he makes duplicate Jesus, he makes duplicate spirits too. God's spirit is given for the goodness of mankind whereas the evil spirit is for destruction of mankind. So the children of God who knows the true spirit should fight and win against the evil spirit.

Paul the apostle says "**for we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this age" (Ephesians 6:12).** God has picked up from darkness and made us to stand for truth. But we must realize that there are unseen powers which may drag us from light to darkness so we must fight against it. Since it is spirit we can't fight with our wit and might and thus prayer becomes mandatory. When we pray, the Holy Spirit and the angels in heaven will fight for us. When we pray sincerely, it becomes the responsibility of God to keep us safe.

When we pray, we must pray according to the word of God, in truth and justice and filled in Holy Spirit. Jesus asked us "Bad as **you are, you know how to give good things to your** children. **How much more, than, will the Father in heaven** give the **Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" (Mathew 11:13)**. So we must pray fervently for Holy Spirit. When He, the spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth (**John16:13**). A man

who gets into a stream with strong currents will be flown away to places where he may not want to go, the same way when you dip yourself into the river of Holy spirit, He will take us away from all the dirt's and filths and lead us into the truth of life. That is why the famous song says "**Not up to the knee, not up to the waist, open the stream which cannot be crossed except by swimming across**".

If the water is up to the knee, anyone can walk away without bothering the water currents. The same things happen to a believer who has entered the river of Holy Spirit, who says praises and Halleluiah and live according to the worldly pleasures without much commitment. Even if the water is up to the waist, one can walk through the water the ways he wants. So those who want to live with full commitment, has to dip themselves completely and walk according to the ways of Holy Spirit. "**When, however, the Spirit comes, who reveals the truth about God, he will lead you into all the truth" (John 16:13)**. This is what God expects from us.

This does not normally happen as we are too busy without daily life routines, and selfish ways. That is the time it happens like how Jesus said "**When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, finding none, he says I will return to my house from which I came. And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself" (Luke 11:24-26)**. This may not happen in a day or in a month. It

will happen over a period of time when one lives without prayer and having the feeling of weak and unworthy like Paul. Whatever be the reason it all happens due to our carelessness and prayerless life, even then we have no right to judge anyone (**Mathew 7:1**).

There was an alcoholic person in my native place in High range, Idukki, Kerala. Once he was taken to a prayer centre by his friends and neighbors. When he returned he was a changed man like the prodigal son, he became a testimony in front of people, had taken many other alcoholics for prayers and there was a great change in that whole place. Unfortunately after six years, he returned to his old habits, and became even worse and died on the roadside.

You may find so many who has received the Holy Spirit and later lost their commitment. That is why in the book of Hebrews there is warning written for everyone **"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become part takers of Holy Spirit. And have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance , since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God and put him to an open shame" (Hebrew 6:4-6)**. This is applicable not only for the believers but also for those servants of God who are working in the power of Holy Spirit. So the children of God should live in this world very carefully.

In these last days Satan is sending the duplicate spirits on many churches. There are many prophets who by their foolishness

and false praises, deviating many people like how it was during the time of Prophet Jeremiah. 'Behold I am against the prophets" (Jeremiah 23:31). But God says to them '**Behold I will feed them with the wormwood and make them drink the water of gall' (Jeremiah 23:15**). God will never spare those who are submissive to the spirit of Satan for making money, attracting more people or for their fame. Prophecy is good, but God's message is of greater value than other, and not misuse the gift of God.

Once Dr. PG Uncle, New Delhi send me a message in my mobile, it was written like this 'many are utilizing the crucification of Jesus for their personal gains'. I gave him a reply like this 'yes uncle, it is true, but God does not spare anyone'. This includes everyone including me, PG Uncle and all others in this world because **"Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him (Jeremiah 23:24).** That is why Jesus said "**He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still; And behold I am coming quickly and my reward is with me to give to everyone according to his work (Rev 2211-12)**. Hence whoever is doing the work of God must reveal the good fruits of Holy Spirit through the prayer, and may become a great threat for the satanic spirits; if not so we may the reason against the evangelization.

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CHAPTER -7

WHAT IS OTHER KIND OF GOSPEL WORK

St. Thomas the apostle one among the twelve disciples of Christ reached India in AD 52 at Malankara (Kerala), keeping the commandment of Jesus "**Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15)**. He preached the good news to many Hindu believers; he preached about the eternal life through Christ Jesus, those who believed were baptized by dipping them in water, made them join the church, which is the, bride of Jesus Christ. I am writing this book, fasting and praying and staying in a house of pastor Joy Ponnus, president of Filadelfia Fellowship Church of India, near the stream at Niranam, Thiruvalla, Kerala, where St. Thomas baptized many people in AD 54.

Sitting here, I am just trying to imagine the period where he was here. There are many questions arising in my mind. This place must have been a jungle. How did he reach this place? When there were no communication and transportation facilities. How did he communicate with the local people who did not know his language? What did he eat?? Where did he live?? There are thousands of questions going through in my mind unanswered. But I am sure about one thing he must struggled a hundred times more than how we struggle in north India.

St. Thomas had taken up so much of struggles and difficulties for the sake of Jesus and preached the gospel to the

people of Malankara (Kerala) and established seven churches. Later he went to Tamil Nadu and preached about Jesus to many and established churches, and finally became a martyr for Jesus Christ. Today places like St. Thomas mount in Chennai has become a pilgrimage place and people are making use of it for church history. But did people take over the great task of spreading the gospel, which he had handed over to the children of Kerala and Tamil Nadu? If they would have taken it up, India would have been evangelized much earlier. What was the reason it could not be continued?? No one was willing to take the troubles and pains like St Thomas, the apostle. Instead of that they have made beautiful churches and institutions in his name, conducted annual celebrations and made places of pilgrimages. Is it not evangelization? Some may ask. In St Paul's language it is a different kind of gospel (**2 Corinthians 11:4**).

All the inventions which happened in this world were all for keeping the mankind more and more comfortable. But the truth as the comforts are increasing, the troubles also are increasing. Some people preach, there are no troubles, sorrows, sickness in this world, if you believe and pray, you will blessed with the abundant blessings. But Jesus and his disciples tell us that there are troubles in the earth **"The world will make you suffer. But be brave! I have defeated the world" (John 16: 33**). **"If we suffer it is for your help and salvation, if we are helped, then you too are helped and given the strength to endure with patience the same sufferings that we also endure (2 Corinthians 1:6).**

The common folk get confused when they hear all these and read the Bible. How a coin has two sides, Christian life also has two sides, happiness and sorrows; this is what my Christian life has taught me. If we take only one thing seriously, we will end up in trouble. Those who accept Lord giving up all the worldly pleasures and comforts will gain many fold blessings in this earth as well as in heaven. That is the promise of Jesus **"I assure you that anyone who leaves home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the Kingdom of God will receive much more in this present age and eternal life in the age to come" (Luke 18:29).** But as long as Satan is here in this world, the children of God will have tests. Whoever preaches against this, preaches a different type of gospel or duplicate gospel.

There is another group, who collects lot of money from our country as well as from abroad, and does all charitable jobs, or else gives priority to those kinds of works only. They also ask Is it not God's work? Or else those who give them money all would ask the same question. Wherever we give it is all for the work of God? St. Paul says this is also a different kind of gospel work. Many feel that Jesus has come into this world only to alleviate the poverty and sufferings. If it was for that then He didn't have die in the mount of Calvary, instead he had to just bow down in front of Satan (**Mathew 4:9**).

All the leaders of the world are struggling for the eradication of poverty and disease. But Jesus has come into this world, giving up all His divine glory, became a servant, died on the cross, to

give eternal salvation to the whole mankind. Eternal life is the prime promise of Jesus Christ. "**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and raise him to life on the last day" (John 6:54). And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am"(John 14:3)**. Jesus has promised that those who accept Him in their life will have a drastic change in their life. This would happen in those that believe and submit their lives completely.

If you want to understand this deeply, you must examine the lives of those who have accepted Jesus, their lives, families, and their places. Also look into those places in north India who have not known about Jesus. Many are under the bondages of sin, disease, and curses. What they lack is the peace and happiness which we experience because our forefathers have known and accepted Jesus. Many are under the bondages of sin and curses. So we must always realize about the great glory of Jesus. Don't misunderstand me thinking I am against helping the widows and the poor, but only giving worldly help and not giving Jesus won't suffice our purpose of evangelization, because I know many people who are doing charitable work much better than Christians.

There are many who were doing the ministry with lot of commitment has turned to the charitable work and lost their testimony. Earlier they used to preach about the struggles they underwent for the work of Lord, now they have only one thing to say, that is about the financial problem. Once I met a servant of

God in Delhi, who told me that he needs one crore rupees in the next day, otherwise he will lose all the crores he spent. There are many others who say 'we are running in debt crores of rupees, and if God does not open a new way everything is going to be a big problem'.

There are many such charitable programmes like orphanages and schools were stopped after the new government came into power. We can't blame the government alone. Jesus said that **"I tell you, then, that you will be able to enter the Kingdom of heaven only if you are more faithful than the teachers of the law and the Pharisees in doing what God requires (Mathew 5:20).** I really feel that the government is appointed by God because He wants His children to be the best in this world. Charitable work will give fame and name, but it will not have the glory of God's work. We must realize these two are two different entities otherwise we will also fall like **'Balaam'.**

If you give for charitable work the output is seen but if you give for the gospel, it is not seen initially. In certain places if you start a new mission work, it might even take many years to get souls. So we must sow the seeds with faith and not by sight. Same way those who sow with tears reap with joy. God likes those who give from their poverty and limited income than those who meeting all their needs and gives from what is left behind. That is why Jesus said about the poor widow that she gave more than all others. Our God respects the single coin of poor widows. It is not the amount what matters to Him, but He looks into the giving heart.

More over those who give for the work of Lord are more blessed than the one who receives, like the widow of Zarephath. So we must give the financial help to the evangelization ministry with this conviction. Those who give from their poverty and struggles will be blessed like **"the bowl will not run out of flour or the jar run of oil" (1.King 17:14).** We must give utmost importance to the work of Lord, and become a part of the evangelization of India. May God help us in this endeavor.



(Our believers are prayer in cold season at Panchkula, Haryana)

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CHAPTER 8

WHO ALL SHOULD DO THE EVANGELISATION

Bible teaches us that all of us who have accepted Jesus Christ as savior and Lord, irrespective of whether they are men or women, must do the work of Gospel as Jesus asked us to do. **"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples:........and teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Mathew 28:19-20)**. This was the last commandment of Jesus in which Jesus says to **make disciples of all who accept Jesus whether man or woman or from any caste or creed**. But I fail to understand why the churches on this earth are not entrusting this commandment to all. **According to this 'word' all Christians in this world must serve the Lord (Disciples)**. More than 90% of Christians live without having any awareness about it. This is one reason why India or the World is not evangelized yet. Most people have a misconception that God's work is for those who have no job, have a calling, those who are capable and educated, those who can sing and pray or those who are smart. I also thought this way some years before.

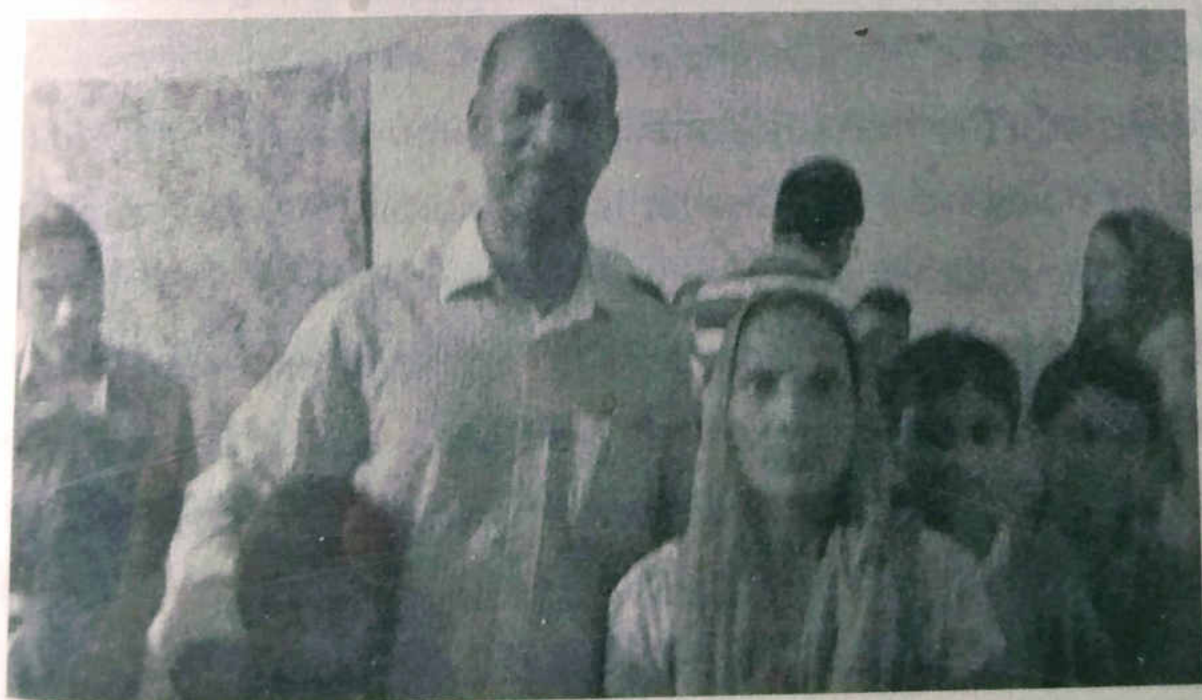
At the age of 23, I came to know about Jesus from Fr Mathew Naikamparambil at the famous place called "potta" in Trissur, Kerala and started reading Bible, and my concept was changed little by little. Once during a convention in Kerala, through the famous song "rise up and shine , your light shines on us", I

felt some one is talking to me. That is how I had the burden for the Gospel and I informed the same in my family and also in my Jacobite Church. They all insisted that I should become a priest in the church and do this mission. I went and met the head of the denomination, Rev Thomas Divaniuosis in connection with this matter. On seeing my interest, He guided me the president of the 'Evangelical Association of the East' at perumbavoor, Kerala which is a part of the church Gospel activities. He told me that he will inform me later, and never informed because they would not recommend unmarried priest. Then I proceeded to the 'Peniel" Bible College at Muvatupuzha with lot of expectation. They too did not consider me since I was from another denomination and needed a letter from the pastor. Then, like Moses I run away from my calling and decided to marry an Army Nurse from Catholic Background and moved to Delhi. My married life was truly a journey through the desert.

There was no good job, there were no children, no peace in the family life, everywhere there were adversities, and I turned to God again and grown in faith. I was found to have Oligo spermia during medical tests, but God gave me children miraculously. When my son was five months old, he fell terribly sick, I was at Dubai when I heard from my wife that the child is going to die, I sat at the Deira City Centre warehouse, wept and prayed. I promised God 'if you save my child, I will serve you as long as I live '. God listend to my prayer and and my son recovered miraculously. I started my missionary work at the age of 40 as per the word I have given to the Lord.

My wife and family were against the gospel work. But I proceeded as I promised God. He has removed all hindrances step by step and brought my wife into faith at Gorakpur, U.P. Initially I have worked for another mission in Chennai with regard to my wife's job in Army Hospital, St. Thomas Mount. Since I had a burden for the evangelization of north India, at the age of 45 I came to north India for this missionary work.

I was really burdened because of the lack of Bible training, lack of knowledge in their language, and less capability and none to help there. I wept like David, how I never wept before, even when my father died in a Bus accident near Neriyamangalam, Kerala when we were travelled, it fell into deep girth in 1993. Our Father in heaven who answers our tears has lifted me up beyond my wisdom and capabilities. He gave me an opportunity to preach the gospel to a lady from Bihar, who was settled in Chandigargh for the first time. She was worried about her son who was lost many years before. I spoke to her about Jesus, both of us prayed together, and miraculously her son had come back.



That was the beginning of my missionary work in north India. Many people from different religion have called me for prayers and many miracles took place there. God opened ways for me to go to different states in north India, and there are almost 40 missionaries working with me right now in different states. Moreover I am a part of India's leading missionary organization, Philadelphia Fellowship Church of India, Rajasthan, founded by Pastor Thomas Mathew in 1965. It is impossible for a man, but possible for the living God. All those who read this book, can be transform like St Paul who says in Acts 26:29 that "**except these chains, I wish all of you should transform like me**". If we are willing, we can do many things for God. We can be fruitful in the mighty hand of Jesus.

My wife was strongly against these missionary works. She used to think that this is a sort of livelihood for few people. Even though she had lot of hardships in her childhood since she had no mother, she passed out from the Military Nursing standing All India First rank. May be she was proud, she could not continue studies and married someone like me who was not very smart. Except being from the district Idukki, Kerala there was nothing between us which was common. I have seen army personnel being arrogant when I was in NCC, but never expected such an angry and arrogant wife. After marriage I was in Delhi and she was placed at Ambala, and whenever we met it was like a Pakistani meeting an Indian. We used to fight like snake and mongoose and ultimately she started having a heart valvular problem.

We did not change in spite of this. We had no children and people used to taunt us. She was downgraded due to heart problem. She could have even been invalided out. When we got close to God, in spite of some doctors saying she won't be able to withstand a pregnancy, we have two children. God helped her to get up graded for her heart problem, may be very rare in the history as Army personnel with structural defects are never upgraded. But for God Almighty these are all silly matters.

Only after I committed my life to the service of God, my son who, the doctors said, would never get up, walk, or he will be mentally retarded, was completely healed. My son's illness only had got my wife's pride down and made her develop interest in missionary work. When medical science gave up on her problem and son's illness, God made all those papers blank, and changed everything, how could she then not serve the awesome Lord Almighty?

Those who among you have a burden for Gospel and unable to do the missionary work, God will help you. You must be more depending on the Creator, the God Almighty and not on the earthly churches or organizations. Why many are not blessed and not succeeding in their work because they are more depending on the organization and not on Jesus. You may need a church or organization for your work, but don't depend on the meager amount of monetary reward which they offer instead try to please the one who joined us in His army. **'Those who looked up to him, their faces were shone, and never put to shame'** because

He is the Alpha and the Omega. But the ways of the organizations change as their leader ship change, their attitude changes, their visions changes. So bow down in front of only the one who deserves. He is our great source. **"If I try to please people, I cannot be the servant of Jesus (Gal 1:10)**, we must keep this always in our heart.

Those who have known according to the word of God, must serve the Lord as an individual, as a family and as church. For this we must trust in Holy Spirit and not in our own power and might. God will open doors for us then. There are only few persons, or churches that are with this attitude. Many have started well initially and then as money and their status improved they came to a state 'enough Lord'. Some churches are doing things the way they want, and misguide the people. Some are doing half heartedly thinking what others would think about us if we don't do God's work, and there are no fruits for their work.

We must analyze ourselves which category we belong to because **"for if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but I do it as a matter of duty" (1. Corinthians 9:17)**. God will give the reward individually as well as to the church, as He is an unchanging God. Those who sincerely involve in the Gods work are rewarded hundred fold blessings in this world and eternal life (**Mathew 19:29**). Can any government or company guarantee you anything like this?? Never! But how many individuals or churches are able to receiving it, a big question in front of us.

Some servants of God are the same when they are sowing as well as reaping. There are tears and stories of tears

everywhere. They live in a state of mockery surrounded by those who do not know Jesus. Will God take back His words?? NEVER, I am not writing this just to please God; this is out of my work in north India during this short period and what truth I have understood. God says along with hundred fold blessings "**but many who now are first will be last, and many who now are last will be first" (Mathew 19:30).**

Initially I thought the above word is for the believers only, but later on understood that it is for all of us. Those who are employed in this worldly job will have the credit of saying about the long years of service, but in the work of God there is nothing like that. If we don't work every day, fully committed, our God will not be pleased and like how he changed the anointing of Saul and gave it to David, He will take away our blessings and give to someone else. We may have the long history to speak, but there would be no anointing. There are many who started well initially, are all taking rest saying about their great traditions and not really receiving the blessings.

The servants of God should be like the Armed forces personnel, fully committed, hardworking. They should run a good run without rest and without the hope of retirement, run like St Paul who ran the race as per the commandments of God. "**I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith" (2.Timothy 4:7)**. The work of God is not as per one's own wishes, it should be as per the will of Lord. Like David, every day one must get to know the will of God and that is why the servants of God must pray more than the believers always.

When we read the book of Mathew 20th chapter the servant of God is like the man works in the vineyard. Jesus said that, "**The Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a man who went out early in the morning to hire some men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them the regular wage, silver coin a day, and sent them to work in his vineyard" (Mathew 20:1-2)**. Everyone who is working the vineyard is not given the same kind of job, some may be asked to remove the grass and clean the garden, some may be asked to plough the land or break the rock.

Whatever be the work the tools are provided by the Master, and workers don't have to worry about the tools. But **everyday they have to meet Master, get the tools** and go for the work, if not they will just go stand and waste the time. In the mission fields many servants of God are like this, they have no time to see the Master (prayer) and they are wasting time in the vineyard. They are like the kind of 'dogs' who neither eat the grass nor let the cows eat, just wandering in the field give bad name to the Master. These kinds of little foxes are only spoiling the good work of Gospel.

Those who related to agricultural work would understand this better. My father was a great farmer, and there used to be two laborers working in our field daily. Whenever they come in the morning we used to give them the tools for that day's work, then only they will work. The same kinds of tools are not needed every day. Both of them were given different kind of jobs because

one was a man and another was a woman. Climbing on the tree or breaking the rocks etc are never given to the woman. The same way God entrusts us His work according to our strength in faith and the need of the place. But today people are following blindly the predecessors like "all the cows in a row followed the one in front wherever they go".

God's work is not the imitation of someone who has been doing it before you. If you do so you will also fall into the pits like the cow which was in front fell into the pit, followed by all other cows. There are many who think that wear a white shirts become a servant of God. There was a brother named Ramprasad in Chandigargh, who came from Hindu faith and had great testimonies, used to pray in 'tongues'. They used to wear whites, both husband and wife and has been in the work of Lord for past twelve years, but when they came to work with me I realized that everything is outwardly and there is a vacuum inside. Later his wife was expired accidently in the bathroom and now he is working as a security guard there.

People would think that they are great men of God, but God knows what inside, and the truth. If God has to trust and give us His work, we must change ourselves from inside. God does not see the outer aspect of us; He looks deep into our heart. So we must change our hearts and not our outside. Also listen to the voice of our shepherd Jesus and walk in His ways. **"The sheep hear His voice as He calls his own sheep by name, and He leads them out ......He goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow Him" (John 10: 3-4).**

"God has appointed **some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers**. He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service in order to build up the body of Christ" (Eph4:11). "All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. In the church God has put all in place: **in the first place apostles, in the second place prophets, and in the third place teachers; then those who perform miracles, followed by those who are given the power to heal or to help others or to direct them or to speak in strange tongues or to explain what is said" (1 Corinthians 12:28).**

Every disciple has to do one of these jobs. We must ask Lord about what tool He is going to give us and what job He expects us to do. He will reveal it through His word, or through His anointed men of God, or through dreams, or through vision. We have to wait patiently for this in prayer. If you wish to do something for God, He will do greater things for you because He has great rewards in His hands. Jesus in heaven said that **"I am coming soon! I will bring my rewards with me, to give to each one according to what he has done" (Revelation 22:12).**

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CHAPTER -9

WHOM ALL SHOULD DO BE PREACHED

Many people are interested in evangelization, but not sure whom to preach. Some says preach to your neighbors as Jesus asked us to love your neighbor as yourself. Some says Jesus himself said that no prophet is recognized or accepted in his own place, so one must preach the gospel to people far apart. But let us see what exactly Jesus said about this "**You go into the corners of the world and preach the gospel to the entire creations** (Mar **16:15). "Must be preached to all nations, beginning in** Jerusalem**" (Luke 24:47).**

As per Jesus we must preach to all, people who are near and far, preach to the whole mankind. So every day you must ask in prayer Master where shall I work today or what shall I do today. When Jesus says about the parable of the sower, he has compared the word with the seed. We are all the sowers. The ultimate aim of the sower is to place the seeds in the good field. Many of the servants of God are not aware of this and most often go and place the seeds anywhere and everywhere without much conviction and in spite of their hard work, the results are very poor. God knows our heart. A good sower wants to improve the master's wealth so he struggles hard with wisdom and the master will surely love and accept such a servant.

My father was born at Nellimattam near Kothamangalam, Kerala in a mediocre peasant family and because of his background the richest man in our place, who was a Hindu used to call my father for sowing the paddy seeds during the season. I did not understand why my father was specially called, during those days. Today after understanding the parable of the good sower, I realized it. A good sower will always receive the love and acceptance from the Lord; all those who are serving the Lord must remember this.

When I was unaware of this fact, I went to a mission leader in north India and asked for a job concerning to this, I pleaded him many times. Ultimately he was sick of me and told me that I can just pull a chair and sit down in front of him in the office and he will give me some salary. This has pained me a lot. May be there are many people approaching him with the same request he must have said that to me. The pain which was inflicted on me made a sower later. If you learn how to sow the seeds from God, you need not stoop down in front of anyone. God will provide many to come and work along with us, and will bless us hundred fold.

The complete words in the Bible are the seeds, and we must know which seed is required for the person who is in front of you. Holy Spirit will reveal this to us, that is why before going for the sowing you must meet your master (prayer), then only we will be aware of the land and the seeds. There are many states of human minds like many kinds of snakes. That is why once Jesus

addressed them "sons of snakes'. (Mathew 23:23), the ones who surrounded Jesus were not of one kind but of many kinds. An outsider won't understand all these, so only the Holy Spirit is given to us, hence you must know the field before sowing. There are mainly three categories of people to whom we must preach the Gospel.

1. PREACH TO THE POOR

Who are poor?? According to the Bible poor are those who experience emptiness in life and not those who are living in poverty and economic hardships. Some people have everything in life, they have money, children, good job, good cars, no sickness and regular income, and still they don't experience happiness and peace. You may find these kinds of people in every religion. They all need the true gospel or Jesus. They may appear to be against the gospel initially but later on they will accept Jesus.

If you read about Sadhu Sunder Sigh, he was a man totally against the gospel, and he used to burn bibles. He was the son of a rich Sikh man but he experienced emptiness in his life, and tried to do many things to keep away from this feeling, and decided to commit suicide, and that is the time came to know that our savior is the real Lord. Once he has accepted Jesus, he rejected everything of this world like St. Paul and lived like a saint in Punjab and Bhutan. There are many around us who need our King of peace in their life. God looks for people who sincerely search for Him or Love Him. We must look for such people and preach them the Gospel.

2. PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE BONDED

There are many around us who are under the grip of Satan, under bondages. Satan had tied people around like how we tie the cattle. It is very difficult to break such bondages, may not be possible with any of the worldly powers, but God had given this power to His children, to break the bondages. Some people think that this power is vested with a few people, but when you study Bible you would realize that God has given this power to all those who love him.

After the resurrection, Jesus told his disciples "**whosever sins you will forgive, it will be forgiven "(John 20:3**). Jesus had given the same power to forgive sins as He had from father. So we all must receive this power from Him, then only there will be great deliverance around us. But we must neither misuse this power, nor take pride of it, because this power which is given to us, through the death of Jesus. Moreover this is not for giving deliverance to individuals every week after week as certain people do. One major responsibility is to build up the ones who have deliverance from the bondages. Every believer should grow in prayer so as to stand firm in faith once he/she has attained deliverance.

Some are bonded by illnesses. **Jesus has given the power to release the bondages of sickness "They will place their hands on sick people, who will get well" (Mark 16:18)**. St. James said that "**Prayer made in faith will heal the sick person" (James 5:15).** This was happening from the first century through the

disciples. There are many who are healed in the name of Jesus, but sad thing is that those who are healed are not growing in Jesus, and become ill again. Some people are using this 'healing power' for money and fame like some of the Hospitals around us do.

Bible does not allow us to do all these. It is for the great glory of our God that the healing takes place in the mighty name of Jesus. One must be aware of this otherwise we may have to give an account in front of the Lord because God does not give up His glory for anyone. He gives us hundred fold rewards for all our work; we must not long for more, if you do so we will be along with the 'fallen angels'. So through our ministry, let His name be glorified.

3.ANNOUNCE THE HEALING FOR THE BLIND (Luke 4:18)

There are many around us who are living in darkness. People who have come to light from darkness (**1.Peter 2:9**) must lead them also to the ways of **Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6).** Many are living in the world of darkness not knowing who Jesus is. We must give them light of truth. Then we will become the light of the world as Jesus said (**Mathew 5:14**), and our work will become a relief for many. One most important thing what Jesus said was **"A blind cannot lead another blind, if so both of them will fall into a pit" (Math 15:14).** So we must inspect ourselves daily in the mirror of the word of God, to see whether we are blind or not.

Some people's main aim is to lead the people and make money and bring fame, and not intended to bring those blind ones to heaven. As the great saying goes 'common public is like donkey' many blind ones goes after these people not realizing what is truth, and ultimately fall into a pit. But Jesus said to them "**It is better to tie a heavy stone around your neck and jump into the deep water than distracting any of these little ones" (Math 18:6)**. So we all must introspect ourselves who are benefited out of our work.

4. DELIVERANCE TO THE OPPRESSED

There are many who are troubled by the bondages of Satan and his slavery. There are many who are screaming, attempting to end their life like how Jesus found that man on the lake of Gennesaret (**Luke 8:27**). Jesus has given us the power to drive out such demons. "**Believers will be given the power to perform miracles: they will drive out demons in my name" (Mark 16:17**). We must do this work great faith and prayer. People who are under the bondage are found everywhere both in south and north India, but more commonly seen in north India. Those who are believers of Jesus, the demons act on them too, and here it is more dangerous to work.

When I started my missionary work in north India, there was one sister called Meena from Nepal and one brother called Rakesh from Bihar. One day Mrs. Annamma Johnson, wife of late Pr. P.D Johnson (Ex. President of AG) joined us there in a prayer meeting as a guest. This Sister Meena had an attack of demon

that day during the prayer, we tried to drive away the demon, but to no avail. The same way Br. Stephen who came from abroad joined us the next week, both Sister Meena and brother Rakesh had these demonic attack and made lot of chaos around. Because of these there were lot of noise and the people who are staying around, from different religions and faiths complained and it had come to a state where we were not able to continue the prayer meetings there.



(Our missionaries in Haryana)

That is the time I met Br. Joy M Thomas in Bhopal. As an experienced missionary I informed him everything, and then he asked me one question. **Did Jesus or His disciples rebuke the Satan more than one time?** Is it written anywhere in the Bible?

I did not find anywhere in the Bible, and this a truth every one of us must know. So when I went back told all my co-workers that they don't have to rebuke the Satan loudly any time if it happens, I will handle it alone. Afterwards, whenever it happened I rebuked once, and it was driven away, and never came back. It has been two years since then the prayer is going on very well there.

Imitation is an art, we also try to imitate others, and end result is failure and we become piece of mockery in front of the gentiles. Because there was lot havoc due to the demonic activities, those who came new to the prayer group, stopped coming. Even my wife said 'if it is like this I will not join there in the prayer meetings'. **What mistake we did was to imitate like how we sometimes see abroad and somewhere, people scold, scream etc to drive the demon out.** Even though we were reading Bible and knowing Jesus, we gave more importance to our experience, and became a matter of failure in our life. So those who read this book aware of it and let it not happen in your life.

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CHAPTER -10

THE ANNOINTING OF HOLY SPIRIT

We are all aware that other than the twelve disciples there were seventy people more who was doing work of Jesus (Luke 10:1-3). To them Jesus said "**I give you the strength to subdue the powers of all your enemies (Luke 10:19)**. We must do the evangelization with this conviction. How much ever small our work is, it is essential to get the anointing from God. Even if we are doing a small prayer in the name of Jesus, this anointing is mandatory; otherwise our enemy will make use of the opportunity. The only aim of him is to destroy the work for the kingdom of God, hence we must work like Nehemiah and his group, "**work with one hand and kept a weapon in the other hand" (Nehemiah 4:17).**

When we get anointing like this from heaven above, our attitude starts changing. Even if you are not showing outwardly, we start having the pride factor inside. That is why Jesus said" **It is more important to have your names written in the book of life than having the demons driven out by you (Luke 10:20)**. Pride in the spirit s a very complex subject. God never accepts this character. That is how the angel who used to sing praises to the Almighty was wounded by sword and landed on the earth. So how much ever great is your work or service, greater importance

is for the anointing behind it, one should be aware of this fact. Otherwise God will cut it out like a branch and dries up (**John 15:6**).

"Do not be proud of it; instead, be afraid. God did not spare the Jews, who are like natural branches; do you think He will spare you?" (Roman 11:20-21). If you want to test this fact, you can look into the lives of those servants of God who at one time were great men of God. They may still have great place in the world, but the anointing they had slowly vanished. To realize this truth look at their work now or the results of their service. If you study about ten of them there are hardly five of you would find who are still continue to be with the same anointing. So "**Be careful not to fall, for those are standing now" (1.Corinthians 10:12)**. This world is a vulnerable place and if you are not careful and walk along holding the hand of Jesus, you may slip and fall. So let us be careful and continue in our prayers.

The High ranges where I was born and brought up, during the rainy season, if you are not walking carefully, you will slip and fall and will get dirty. People from that place are aware of this and normally walk very carefully. Our relatives who are not used to that place, when they come to visit in wearing pretty dresses, over look our warnings, fall and make themselves dirty. Same way some of the servants of God or believers also fall in the spiritual field and spill dirt on Christ and Christ body (church). Bible has warned us many times. Jesus said that "**keep watch and pray that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is**

willing, but the flesh is weak" (Mathew 26:41). We must take every step carefully in this world, go slow and steady, go forward and not backward, don't look down, don't look around, and look at Jesus alone.

The pride factor should not be taken lightly, it should be treated like how we treat cancer disease, and otherwise Satan will take away our work, our life, and our family. **Every day we must get** the **medicine of "servant' from God**, and **always keep in mind** the **servant is never greater than the master.** During our Journey to our heavenly Canan, the enemy brings so many obstacles in the form of 'money, woman and fame', even if these are good they are dangerous too. So we must know more about it and how to keep a balance.

MONEY:- St. Paul warned us that "**For the love of money** is a **source of all kinds of evil. Some have been so eager to** have **it that they have wandered away from the faith and have** B**rocken their hearts with many sorrows" (1.Timothy 6:10).** So if we have more than enough money in our hand, give or share it off some one blindly, it will help us in our spiritual growth as well as a good testimony among people. **What do you understand** by **giving blindly??** Our conscious mind should not know where exactly it is going. If we come to know, it might invite danger.

Many people give only to their friends, known people, acquaintances and to their relatives. When there is a problem arises, instead of depending on God, they will start looking upon these people whom they gave, because they have an authority

over those whom they gave. **They might say 'I only helped them to be in this state'.** Satan has given you this authority and not from God because God appreciates those givers whose left hand does not know what the right gives. We don't need the authority of Satan, as it will trap us one day.

This is the reason why Jesus didn't bow down in front of Satan. He did not adjust with him. That is the reason He lived in this world possessing nothing. This is proved as Jesus said **"Foxes have holes, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lie down and rest" (Mathew 8:20).** He also could have made a deal with Satan like some of our smart servants of God. If He did so, He would not have suffered, but Jesus did not do all that, and we must also not do that. Otherwise we will be destroying ourselves, having a 'good face' in front of the public. We must get money from God, in a sincere way, and the money we get such a way is not ours, we have no authority over it. Like an accountant in Company, we are just keepers for His money.

I have worked as an accountant in various companies. I had to give an account of each penny to my Boss. I could not spend the money the way I wanted, but it was as per the directions of my Boss. The same way, the money which comes into our hand for the work of God is not ours, and should be spent only in consultation with Him. We must not use it for ourselves alone. Even when you are giving to others, we must be aware like an accountant that it is not our money, it belongs to God. Those who receive it should be grateful to God and not to us.

One may find different type of authority or Satanic powers in many churches and mission organizations. Many missionaries are bounded because they are given the money, which they collected for the work of Lord. **"Untie him and let him go"(John 11:44) is the command of our Jesus, and He has given us the liberty, then why should we restrict someone?** There are many missionaries who used to work with lot of enthusiasm have become nominal missionaries now. Some have left the missionary work and living in despair. I have met many in Kerala, who used to earlier work in north India, most of them have left because they have not been given the liberty to work as Jesus has given, and this become a great hindrance for the evangelization of India.

WOMEN:- Women have played a pivotal role from the time of Jesus till now in the evangelizations . Wherever you go, they are the first ones to open the doors for the gospel, and also to accept Jesus. Also they are in forefront as far as the prayer support and financial help is concerned. This is because God has put the spirit of mercy and compassion in abundance in women. Satan always tries to make use of this and disguise himself as the angel of light. "All that glitters are not gold" womenfolk also should realize that all servants of God are not the same habit as Jesus. If one does not understand this, they may become unhappy and distrustful. Sometimes they may ask, if all these servants of God become alright, everything will be alright. It is not really so. In the last days, there are lots of wolves with sheep skin outwardly, comes to us. **"There may be many coming in my name, but don't follow them blindly" (Luke 21:8)**.

The servants of God should keep in mind that even though ladies are an inevitable part of our work, Satan may interfere through them. We should always keep in mind that we are the 'Servants of God'. We must pray and sincerely try not to do anything that will bring bad name to our Master. Our main job is to lift Jesus in the middle of people like how Moses raised the brass snake in front of people. If we act against this, He will punish us out rightly. So whenever one goes for visiting a women must be accompanied by somebody more.

There are many ladies working along with me in north India, some of them are better and smarter than their male counterparts. Sister Rachana from Uttar Pradesh is a woman missionary who is an exceptional person. She is mother of two children but very young as they get married very early in north India. During her second child birth, she fell ill, very seriously and in spite of all the treatments and 'poojas', she could not be healed. She heard about Jesus during that phase, and received complete healing from Him. She accepted Jesus as her Lord and Saviour, alone, faced many difficulties in the initial stages, and moving forward bravely, that is the time I met her.

I was really happy to see her intense feeling for Jesus, and selected her as a missionary in our organization despite the fact that she is illiterate, cannot read and write. By God's grace, her husband also grew fond of me, and later accepted Jesus and took water baptism from me. Today they are one family who looks after me and love me a lot. When I visit Uttar Pradesh, I stay in their house and even conduct missionary meetings in their house.



(Sister Rachana Chandan and her famiy, Bareilly, U.P)

She takes up all the tasks I assign to her even if it is difficult. Similarly though there are lots of threats from those who oppose gospel, she continues to do the work of Lord and set an example for many male missionaries. Many times she tells me when I go to different places in Uttar Pradesh "Sir I would come along with you all these places because it may be easier for you if a lady come along". Her husband also says the same. But since I have seen many servants of God fallen because of some 'woman issues' in south India and north India, I have never taken her any where alone, the reason why I write is this is to be careful and not to give a chance to Satan.

Name & Fame:- Jesus love and accepts **those who serve Him like His friends, or like His mother, or brother and sisters (Mathew 12:50)**, you may not find any one like in this world. Normally the Boss controls and keeps every one under his thumb. But Jesus said that "**those who believe in me will do greater things than me" (John 14:12**) but we must remember that the disciple is never above the Master, should be under Him and under the word of God. Otherwise Satan will make use of this opportunity, and will bring bad name to the name of Jesus or to the ministry. **Many are there who "will call Jesus name from their heart till they cross the bridge and once they cross, they themselves do not know what they call".** Satan has blinded their eyes and put them on top of the tower. How the freedom what God gave to Adam and his children became a great danger, even our freedom can become a great danger, so we must announce to the world, to the people around us "**We are worthless servants, did only what we are supposed to do" (Luke 17:10).**

There is no doubt that the public only makes the servants of God as 'Mini gods". The bare fact is God does not wish to give His glory to anyone else, the ministers must underline this and must announce to those behind them like the apostles "**Why you look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk" (Acts 3 :12).** "**Men why are you doing these things, we also are men with the same nature as you (Acts 14:15)**, one should be able to speak to them like this. If we don't do this, we might not be able to take them up to heaven

and they will turn out to be the most unfortunate ones as St Paul has warned us. "Do not confirm yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God (**Romans 12:2**).

Rev. Joseph John was a servant of God in Chennai, whom God used mightily for his work and lot of people, from different faiths and languages used to gather in a place called 'Vepery', and many received miraculous healing, and prophesy. People started treating him as a 'Mini god', and he became very famous in the regions of Chennai. But suddenly one day he passed away due to a massive heart attack, at an apparently young age, and this became a real shock for his believers, and most of them started backsliding. God is warning us through all these and each one of us must ask ourselves. **What would happen to my ministry or its members once I pass away? What would be their future?**

Believers also must remember one thing, before knowing Jesus and accepting as Lord and savior, we used to find our God in the worldly ways and objects. But today the God of spirit is with us. **God is spirit and those who worship Him, should do it spirit and truth (John 4:24).** Church or any other persons can intercede for us in this matter. When our heart changes, God will give us all what we want us through the churches and through His children time to time. For this you must love and respect your church and His servants, and ultimately must be indebted to our

God, because it is He who has given us good church and Servants of God.

Hence we must love and commit our lives to our Lord Jesus more than our parents, family churches or pastors. Jesus said that **"Whoever loves his father or mother more than me is not fit to be my disciple; whoever loves his son or daughter more than me is not fit to be my disciple" (Mathew 10:37).** The Lord who gave His life for us is only worthy of this. "**The Lamb who was killed is worthy to receive power, wealth, wisdom and strength, honour, glory and praise!" (Rev 5:12).**

The seven churches which were revealed to John the apostle in the book of revelation is the copy of all the churches in the earth. Even though all those churches started well but they all gradually lost their first love and dedication (**Rev 2:4**). Many churches had name and fame but they were all in a state of dead as they lacked the spirit of God. Jesus tells such people "**Wake up, and strengthen what you still have before it dies completely" (Rev. 3:2).** God will bless all those churches and persons who are waking up to the roaring sound of God during these last days, so we as individuals, families, churches, should strive towards this great change and thus people around us know Jesus.

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CHAPTER-11

THE KINGDOM OF GOD WHICH JESUS ENVISAGED

The churches and the believers should have a clear concept regarding the Kingdom of God which Jesus has envisaged; otherwise they will go through the ways of the world even though they have the name of Lord. The Kingdom of God which Jesus has envisaged is not worldly. **"My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. No, my kingdom does not belong here" (John 18:36).** We can see in the acts of apostles that the disciples and the early churches followed the same (Acts 4:32-35). So we must also follow the same because the world looks at the Kingdom of God through each one of us. If we give more importance to this world, then we are against the word of God. We all should realize that we are the News paper of heaven when we live in the world.

The people of this world come to know the news of the world through TV and Newspaper, the same way people would know Jesus through the life of His followers.That is how by seeing the love and concern of the people who believed in Christ that they were called as Christians in Antioch (**Acts 11:26**). So it is very important that our life in this world is with complete commitment. But how many of the believers or disciples are living

with this conviction. If we sincerely analysis, the number is very small. More over there are many churches and believers who are having no true relationship with Jesus and involved in idol worship. God does not compromise with our faith life. May be there are only few people like Abraham, obey His commandment. God is very much happy with the little folk. "**Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom" (Luke 12:32)**. So we must learn and away from the different type of idol worship in our surroundings.

WHAT IS IDOL WORSHIP?

We are all aware that in the Old Testament God gave Moses ten commandment in which the second commandment says about idol worship. **"You shall have no other Gods carved image before me, You shall not make any carved image-any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, You shall not bow down to them nor serve them (Exodus 20:3:5)**. The Bible does not allow anyone who has accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour, should not bow down in front of the idols, photos etc, or else it even does not allow to worship. We can understand from the words which Jesus had spoken when He was here in this world. **"Why do you call me good? No one is good but One, that is God (Luke 18:19)**.

Jehovah witnesses misguide believers with this word. As we know that when Jesus lived in this world He was like us in every way except 'sin'. He has taken the form of a man for the sake of entire mankind. **But Bible does not allow us to worship**

Jesus in the bodily form. Bible teaches us to worship the risen Lord who is the spirit. We can see in the book of Revelation that "**I heard angels, thousands and millions of them! They stood round the throne, the four living creatures, and the elders, and sang in a loud voice: "The Lamb who was killed is worthy to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and strength, honour, glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:11-12).** So we must worship our Lord Jesus who is worthy.

But what we see today around us is many are worshiping the statues and photos of Jesus who was here in this world. There are hardly any who knows about the risen Lord, who is the Immanuel, and that is why through the Jehovah witnesses group many are being misguided. We, who knows the truth, should really keep a vigil. Some times when we see the luxurious life of those who really don't know the spirit of Jesus, we may feel that heaven is something which is confided in words. The main aims of these people are to spend crores of rupees building monumental churches, or renew them.

St. Paul, the apostle speaks about a different kind of idol worship in his letter to Ephesians "**for this you know, that no fornicators, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ the Lord" (Ephesians 5:5)**. Here he aims at those who are extra ordinarily money minded and worship it as God. There are people who have known Lord Immanuel amongst these. If we get money from God, in a sincere way is good for us. But don't worship or love that money because "**the love of money is a source of all kinds of evil**".

Bible warned us that "**those who want to get rich fall into temptation and are caught in the trap of many foolish and harmful desires, which pull them down to ruin and destruction" (1.Thimothy 6:9).** ". It is more difficult to take away our internal idol worships than the external ones, and those who are outsiders, it is difficult for them to understand either. But **Our Father in heaven knows every secret of ours (Psalms 139:2)**, so we should all try to get victory over all.

St.Paul says in the book of Colossians about another kind of idol worship that is 'Greediness'. **"Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth; fornication, lust, evil desire and covetousness, which is idolatry" (Colossians 3:5)**. This one idolatry of greediness is a possible sin amongst all who are in this world. Even though one wants to give up everything and live according to the Word of God, this sin might come in. How many are there in this world who is satisfied with food cloth and shelter alone as St Paul says?? To answer this question is very easy, but honestly one has to pay a very heavy price to reach up to this state. This is what is meant by 'killing the self' as Paul says. People outside may not recognize this greediness of ours, but God the Almighty who knows our hearts will clearly understand this. So we must get rid of this through fasting and prayer and should be glad in whatever blessings God has showered upon us.

We must clearly understand the difference between your needs and greediness. Longing for something you require to live on this world is not a sin, but craving for more and more even

after getting whatever one wanted is greediness. For example a person who has no house long for a house of his own, this is not a sin but even after having one, if he tries to get more that becomes greediness, becomes idolatry. We should be able to control our longings for worldly pleasures; otherwise we may become unhappy when the Judgment of God comes.

We cannot get rid of the idolatry of mind with our own power and might but like 'clay in potter's hand' we must submit ourselves in the hands of our Lord, and He will renew us, this promise is there in the Word. When Jeremiah went to the potter's house as Lord has told him, **"the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make. Then the Word of Lord came to me saying Oh house of Israel can I not do with you as this potter" (Jeremiah 18: 4-6)**. So we must entrust all our short comings into the hands of our Lord, then God will give us the victory over all the impossible things because our God is a God who makes the impossible possible.

Along with the word of Jesus mentioned above, He tells Pilate **"You say rightly that I am a king, for this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into this world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice" (John 18:37).** We understand from this that truth is the face of Jesus. When He was in this world, He lived and died for the truth, so all of us who follow Jesus should all strictly adhere to truth what Jesus has shown us. The sad part is

many Christians are not adhering to this and living dishonestly. We must realize that if we don't adhere to the truth we are not the followers of Christ.

Many believe that because they are born of Christian parents, because they are brought up in a Christian family, or they have membership in the church, they will surely have salvation. Can we see many like this praising themselves or their traditions? From Bible or from the testimony of those who have known Jesus truly, we can understand that this is mere foolishness. In the second coming of Jesus we are not going to be taken up as a family or church but as individuals only (**Mathew24:40**).

Those who sing Halleluiah and walks around like angels may not find salvation. But some who may not look like Christians outwardly, but accepted Jesus in their heart may find salvation. Bible teaches us that those who are outward Christians are not the true followers but those who are Christians inward. This is evident from the fruits they produce (**Mathew 7:17**). There are almost 3000 secret fellowships all over this country, this is what I know. The same way, even if you do not enter the name in the register, or change into a Christian name, because of their intensity of love towards Jesus and gospel may make them eligible for salvation.

There is no doubt that God lives with us (Immanuel). That is why during these last days He says "And the King will answer and say to them "**Assuredly I say to you in as much as you did it to one of the least of these brethren, you did it to me"**

(Mathew 25:40). Then He will answer them saying "**assuredly I say to you, in as much as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it for me (Mathew 25:45)**. From this we could understand that Jesus still lives in this world through those who are the little ones.

What is commonly seen is people respect and serves those who are rich in this world. But this is against the Kingdom of God which Jesus has envisaged. He said that "**whenever you refused to help one of these least important one, you refused to help me. And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Mathew 25:45-46)**. So we must all realize that there is final judgment and for that we should all live according to the Word of Lord and May God help us.

Many people ask me 'which are the best churches in this world' as God has planned, and I could never give a proper answer to that. All the churches in this world have short comings like those seven churches we see in the book of Revelation. So one should choose on their own the church they find which stands for the word of the Lord in the true sense. As per Bible the best church is the one which gives 'living word of God 'in the holiness of Jesus to the people. When we study the Acts of apostles the initial churches had lot of new souls coming into their churches, but what we see in India is sometimes not even one soul comes in one year also.

I was a member of the NLAG church of Rev. D Mohan for six years. It is because of his deep love commitment to the Lord

that more than forty thousand people come to his church in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Normally people gather in large numbers where there are lots of miracles taking place. But I have hardly seen him giving importance to those things. His small messages gives solace to many who come to the church, more over he is able to give new enlightenment into the gospel and also able to convince people regarding the Kingdom of God which God has envisaged. Because of this those who goes to his church becomes servants of God.

When I went to Chennai as my wife was posted in the Army Hospital, Chennai, the maid who worked for us was a member of that church, and she used to tell us and others about Gospel. The same way his messages had a great impact on me to become a missionary for north India. He supports almost 150 missionaries working in various part of north India. He had also sent many from his church to various parts of the country for the work of the Lord. God has blessed him because of his 'thirst' for Gospel, and our Lord.

If the churches in India have a transition like this, the evangelization of India will soon be possible. But how many are willing to do so. The sad part is many are not even thinking about it. The only think about their believers and churches and behave in a selfish way. They don't really think about the Kingdom of God which Jesus has envisaged. They only think about themselves, and their believers also follow the same way. "If the teacher makes one mistake, the student makes fifty one" the same is applicable in their lives.

Jesus wants to accept and love all the churches in this world (**John 17:23**). Whichever church we belong to this earth, we are all the members of eternal church the bride, and so we should be with Jesus. For this reason **He has purchased us with a heavy price by shedding His blood (1.Peter 1:19)**, even though we live in this sinful world, we should all try and keep us pure and stay away from the impurities, the same way as the fish lives in the salty water but does not let salt gets inside.

Jesus says that **"If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples" (John 13:35).** The sad part is that most of the churches or organizations are not able to rise to this level. Satan has influenced the churches in such a way that we cannot blame anyone. Our experience says that the ones who started evangelization purpose and criticizing the traditional Christians are also sailing in the same boat.

The time has come that all the churches of this earth should really understand the fact that they all should be willing forgive and give up and join hands together for the evangelization of India, because the second coming of our Lord is very near. Once He comes, it is of no use to repent like the rich man in Hades. God will close all the doors or Grace like what happened in Noah's time. So I sincerely hope and pray that this book will be an inspiration for many, to turn back.

May God bless all those who read this book, through us the Kingdom of God which Jesus has envisaged be fulfilled through us.

Our greatest opponent Satan, always try to harm us or hinder the work of Lord, but there is no doubt that our Lord Almighty always intervenes. So we must run the race only focusing on Jesus. From the human point of view, it is near to impossible but the fact remains that the Gospel is spreading widely in many parts of north India as compared to the earlier days. So time has come that we all should pray with renewed zeal and enthusiasm for the evangelization of north India.

I am eagerly expecting your valuable opinion, advice, and encouragement. May God bless you all with His abundant Love and Grace.

Roy Varghese

(Please pray for my second book "What is Death?)

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(Our prayer & worship in north India (U.P)

Why India Is not yet Evangelized?



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Born and brought up in a family with a Communist background, I came to know Jesus after completing my B.Sc, and came more close to Him when I didn't have children after marriage, and experienced miracles in my life. While working in Dubai, God healed my son who had some serious illnesses, and when doctors gave up on him, I pleaded to God, and gave a word to God which made me a servant of God at the age of 40 years.

I wrote this book as I was in many states of North India with the work of our Lord. I have personally realized some of the important reasons why there are thousands of villages which had never ever heard of Jesus. God gave me a desire in my heart, and I want to transmit the same into all those who read this book. The truth which you would realize may help in the evangelization of India in the coming future.



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